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SUBJECT: NEXT STEP IN ANGOLAN/ZAIRIAN RECONCILIATION

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1. ANGOLAN/ZAIRIAN RECONCILIATION IS NOT PRODUCT OF OAU AND
NO MANDATE WAS GIVEN PRESIDENT NIMEIRI ON SUBJECT DURING OAU
SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM, ACCORDING OMAR YOUSIF BARIDU, DIRECTOR,
AFRICAN AFFAIRS AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. BARIDU WAS
FULLY INFORMED ON STATUS OF RECONCILIATION BUT DID NOT BELIEVE
DETAILS OF BORDER VERIFICATION COMMISSION WERE BEING RESOLVED

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WITH SUDANESE PARTICIPATION. HE SAID SUDANGOV VIEWED
WITH SATISFACTION GREAT PROGRESS MADE SO FAR IN REDUCING
TENSION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, WHICH WILL SERVE AS
VALUABLE PRECEDENT FOR OTHER TROUBLED AREAS. SUDANGOV
WAS AWARE OF BENEVOLENT ENCOURAGEMENT LENT BY USG.
NIMEIRI IS READY AND EAGER TO HELP RECONCILIATION BUT
TO DATE, AS FAR AS BARIDU IS AWARE, RESPONSIBILITY HAS NOT

BEEN GIVEN SUDAN.

2. COMMENT: SUDANGOV IS IN PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING OAU SECRETARIAT FOR PRESIDENT NIMEIRI UNDER AMBASSADOR PHILIP OBANG, WHO HAS SERVED IN LONDON, ADDIS ABABA AND, AS AMBASSADOR, UGANDA. OBANG'S OFFICE WILL BE HOUSED IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUT IS RESPONSIBLE TO PRESIDENCY. BARIDU IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH OBANG'S STAFF AND EXPECTS TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER AS IF SECRETARIAT WERE PART OF MINISTRY. HIS STATEMENT, THEREFORE, THAT SUDANGOV NOT MUCH INVOLVED IN ANGOLAN/ZAIRIAN RECONCILIATION IS ALMOST CERTAINLY ACCURATE.
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